## RESOLUTION NO. 39 - 2008

## EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 777, AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CLAIMS AND TAX LIENS LAW

WHEREAS, to be fair to all taxpayers within this city, it is necessary for the City of Reading to pursue the collection of delinquent real estate taxes;

WHEREAS, the City of Reading has determined that it should have the ability and the opportunity to choose how to collect their delinquent real estate taxes and that they be able to utilize the Municipal Claims and Tax Liens Act, 53 P.S. §7101 et. seq., to pursue such tax claims; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reading does not wish to be forced to collect delinquent taxes under the Real Estate Tax Sale Law and pay a 5% commission for the collection of these unpaid taxes; and

WHEREAS, there is important legislation before the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Senate Bill 777, that would allow City of Reading and other cities, townships, boroughs and school districts the ability to choose how their delinquent real estate taxes are collected.

## NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF READING CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:

THAT IT STRONGLY SUPPORTS SENATE BILL 777, AND URGES THAT THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE HOUSE QUICKLY CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE LEGISLATION AND THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES IN THE PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL MA

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Attest:

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original passed by the Council of the City of

A. D. 20 O. Witness By Mand and seal of the said City this day of Man A. D. 20 OS

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CITY CLERK